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The Office Action of November 30, 2006 has been received and carefully considered. In response, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based upon the following submitted herein.

1. Amendments to the claims are presented beginning on p. 2.
2. Remarks related to the patentability of the claims begin on p. 6 herein.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising
topically administering a composition to an eye of a mammal in need thereof,
said method being effective in delivering a therapeutically effective amount of a
therapeutically active agent to a structure or combination of structures of the eye
~~which include~~ selected from the vitreous humor and structures posterior to the
vitreous humor;

said composition comprising:

- a. an effective amount of the therapeutically active agent, or a
pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof, to provide a
therapeutically effective amount of the therapeutically active agent
to said structure or combination of structures of the eye, and